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Police Involved Shooting

*****UPDATE*****

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The investigation into the police involved shooting that occurred on June 11, 2016, has been completed by the Firearms/Police-Involved Death Review Board. The actions of Sergeant Frank Wasko are found to be within the Columbus Division of Police Use of Firearms Policy.

Suspect in Custody after Police Shooting

On June 11, 2016, at approximately 10:02 pm, officers patrolling near 4630 Tamarack Boulevard observed a suspicious vehicle believed to be involved in recent thefts in the area. A police cruiser with an officer and sergeant in it attempted to approach the vehicle in the parking lot. The officer approached the vehicle on foot when it suddenly accelerated toward him. The sergeant quickly drove the cruiser forward and was struck by the vehicle, preventing the suspect vehicle from striking the officer. The vehicle backed up and again drove towards the officer. The sergeant exited his cruiser and shot at the vehicle, causing the driver of the vehicle to change his direction and flee the area.

A plain-clothes unit pulled into the lot to assist when it was struck by the suspect vehicle as it attempted to flee the lot. Three people were taken into custody. The driver, identified as James May, M/W/34, was transported to Mount Carmel St. Ann's Hospital where he was treated and released for minor injuries as a result of the vehicle crash. He was charged with Felonious Assault on a Police Officer and transported to the Franklin County Jail. The other two occupants were interviewed and released. They are not charged at this time. No other injuries were reported.

The sergeant has been identified as:

- **Sgt. Frank Wasko #5158.** Sgt. Wasko is a twenty-one year veteran and is assigned to the Patrol Bureau.



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